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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
ORDINARY HALF YEARLY MEET-
ING of the Shareholders in this Corporation,
will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, the 12th day of February next, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Court of Directors together with a State-
ment of account in 31st December, 1897.
By order of the Court of Directors.

(Sd.) T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1898. (17)

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-
TERS OF SHARES of the Corporation
will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 29th
instant, to the 12th day of February next (both
days inclusive) during which period no transfer
of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors.
(Sd.) T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1898. [17]

HONGKONG CLUB.
NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Club will be held in the CLUB HOUSE on MONDAY, the 14th February, 1898, at 3.30 P.M. for the purpose set forth in the Notice posted in the Hall of the Club.
By Order,

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

OFFICES of the Company No. 14, Praya Centre
on MONDAY, the 21st February, 1898, at
12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the
report of the Directors and the Statement
Accounts to the 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 21st February both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors:
THOS. L. ROSE,

Hongkong, 29th January, 1898. Secretary.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY OFFICES, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 28th February, Twelve o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st Dec.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 21st February, both days inclusive.
By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1893.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY
 will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No.
 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, on MON-
 DAY, the 28th February at 12.15 o'clock P.M.
 when the subjoined Resolutions will be pro-
 posed.

RESOLUTIONS:

That Articles Nos. 53 and 122 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by eliminating therefrom the word "February" and substituting therefor the word "March."

That Article No. 7 be altered by inserting the words "or Extra Reserve Fund" immediately after the word "Fund" in the sixth line thereof so that the words "and V. F. Fund" shall read "and V. F. Fund or Extra Reserve Fund."

That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting the words "and subject to the provisions of Articles-121A and 121B" immediately after the word "sum" and before the word "be" in the fourth line of such Article.

That the following Articles be inserted immediately after Article No. 121 and be numbered Articles 121A and 121B:

121A.—"Although the Reserve Fund amount to the sum of One Million Dollars the Directors may nevertheless at

discretion from time to time appropriate portion, not exceeding ten per cent. of net income and profits earned by the company in any one year, to the formation of an additional Reserve Fund, to be called 'Extra Reserve Fund.'

121D. The monies standing at the credit of the Extra Reserve Fund may be applied for the equalization of dividends, and monies, or some portion thereof, whenever the Directors shall think fit, appropriated towards the equalization of dividends.

dividends."
By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTR
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1898.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.
LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS: In the above Company will be at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's on MONDAY, the 28th day of February, at 12.30 of the Clock in the Afternoon, to read a Statement of Accounts to 31st December.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 16th of February, both days inclusive.

General Managers,
Hongkong, 31st January, 1898.

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Today's
Advertisements.THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

THE ORDINARY SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 374 for TWENTY-FIVE ORDINARY SHARES numbered 10,521/10,545 standing in the name of W. J. K. K. K. of Yoochow, having been declared LOST, notice is hereby given that unless the said certificate be produced at the LIQUIDATOR'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 26th day of February, 1898, a new certificate for the said shares will be issued and the old certificate will thereafter be held by the Liquidator as null and void.

JAMES E. DUNCAN,
Liquidator of the Punjon Mining Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1898. [23]

FOR SALE.

RACE BOOKS

With Programme and List of Entries for the forthcoming HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING.

Can be had from
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD.
NORONHA & CO.
And at the COURSE on the Days of Races.

PRICES:

Cloth \$1.50
Paper \$1.00

NORONHA & CO.,
Printers and Publishers.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1898. [236]

TO LET FURNISHED.

"SUN KAM SHAN" VILLA, No. 6,
ROBINSON ROAD.

OPPOSITE "THE BUNGALOW."

A. P. SAMY,
OFFICE OF JOHN LEMME, ARCHT.
64, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1898. [239]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG,"
Captain J. M. Hay, will be despatched at
above TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1898. [210]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 11th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFAIR & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1898. [230]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED,"
Captain Berrell, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 19th instant.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1898. [227]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYVADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison
with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

KUHN & KOMOR,
JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,
21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA
and
36, DIVISION STREET, KOREA.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1894. [24]

THE LEADING CATERERS.

COMPARE OUR
MENU, BILLIARD TABLES and
LIQUORS to all others.

THE GRILL ROOM.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1897. [39]

TAKE NOTE

TO indicate the exact use of words, see
the Dictionary can compare with the New
Edition of

WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY.

At the office of the Hongkong Telegraph you
can see, and procure for SIX DOLLARS, a Copy
of the Webster of Webster, the latest and most
emphatic proof that Webster's is the best.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES & SPIRITS.

A.L. these are selected by our London
House, bought direct at first hand, imported in
wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all
intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply
the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICES LISTED, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vinages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are
not artificially made from raisins and
currants, as is generally the case with Cheap
Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to
be pure Cognac, the difference in price
being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to
be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

BIRTH.

On January 13th, at Yokohama, the wife of
John W. Cain, of twin daughters.

DEATHS.

At Inverness, in his 70th year, JOHN MAC-
TAVISH, formerly Manager of the Caledonian
Banking Company, Scotland. (By Telegram.)

On January 25th, at Malacca, ALICE EDITH,
the dearly loved wife of P. N. Gerrard, B.A.,
M.B., District Surgeon, Ulu Selangor.

At Osaka, on January 27th, at 5.30 p.m.,
FREDERICK, youngest son of H. Renault, Belgian
Consul, aged 1 year.

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making company in Hongkong; but it is
worth a little thought. It is probably not
preventable, but that is no reason why it
should be forgotten.

A correspondent makes a recommen-
dation which we feel sure will commend
itself to the majority of people in Hong-
kong, namely that designs for the new
public buildings should be prepared by
local architects. Not that local architects
have done anything to overwhelm the be-
holder with admiration, but they do some
very good work at times, and they certainly
must have a better idea of what is wanted
than anybody outside of Hongkong. Un-
tilly is the first consideration in public offices,
law courts, etc.; beauty is an important
secondary consideration. No Londoner
can be so well qualified as a Hongkong
architect to understand the utilitarian as-
pect of a Hongkong building; voluminous
instructions and explanations may be sent
home, but the most exhaustive and bulky
despatch cannot give the equivalent of
actual experience on the spot. One fact,
which should be borne in mind above all,
is that "the only way to make timber
beams impervious to white ants is to use
iron instead."

We are informed that the Colts and
Kowloon football clubs are unable to get
ground allotted to them at Happy Valley,
and are dependent on the courtesy and
convenience of other clubs. That is to
say, the Colts on applying to the authorities
were given to understand they would be
granted a piece of ground, but have not
got any yet, while the Kowloon F. C. was
refused outright. It should be noted that
the Kowloon team is not composed of
Kowloon residents; all except two or
three are domiciled on the island. As
we understand, the Happy Valley was
originally intended for everybody; the
vast increase in outdoor recreation of all
sorts within the past five years or so led to
an appropriation of the available ground,
but the new organizations find themselves
crowded out. If possible, everybody
should have an equal share, and we trust
that the Director of Public Works (who
seems, more than anybody we have had
for years, to have the knack of doing the
right thing promptly) will see his way to
give justice all round.

There has been a great deal of dis-
cussion in Singapore over a revival of the
old proposal that British-born Chinamen
should get their hair cut. It is strange how
the queue, a mark of servitude to the
Tartar barbarian, is so persistently cher-
ished by the modern Chinaman, who might
be expected to joyfully get rid of it as soon
as possible. If only to mark his emancipation
from the Manchu. But to shave the
whole head, or to crop the hair close,
would be cleaner than the greasy, densely
populated pigtail, so the Chinese prefer
the pigtail.

Reuter informs us that the reason why
Britain *non-vult* to Russia is to avoid
being used as a cat's-paw by China! This
is a triumph of statesmanship for Lord
Salisbury! "Better play the fool to Eu-
rope than the cat's-paw to Cathay." It is
a fine choice between two evils; but why
choose between evils at all? It would be a
refreshing change to choose something
good for once in a way. China seeks to
play Britain off against Russia; Russia
plays Britain and China against each other;
it is time for Britain to play the game in-
stead of being played. Lord Salisbury
should remember that there are worse
things than cat's paws, which at any rate
do possess claws and use them wonder-
fully well on occasion. England's posi-
tion just now is less like that of a cat's paw
than a cat's tail—always in the rear.

Our American contemporaries all seem
to view our position more hopefully than
we do. They say that, while Russia,
France, and Germany are all having a
loud voice in the harrising of China,
England maintains an impressive silence
which means much. They say England
follows the ancient maxim "Say nothing,
but saw wood!" One paper puts the
position thus:—

Amid all the din of diplomatic discussions,
while each Power tries to talk the others tired,
and the debate wastes so furious that it may
come to blows, we can hear the quiet, steady
sound of a saw in the distance. England is the
proprietor of the saw.

We should be glad to find this come true,
but our own idea is that England is the
log. To carry the metaphor further, it is
only necessary to remember Bismarck's
word on Salisbury—"A lath painted to look
like iron." Still waters do not always run
deep; they may be mud swamps, simply
stagnant.

In the matter of log-like inaction, it ap-
pears as if Hongkong may have reason to
regret the departure of easy-going Sir
William Robinson. The new Governor,
Sir Henry Blake, does not bring a good
character from his last situation. The
Jamaica Post says:—

Instead of falling into bad odour at the Colo-
nial Office—as almost every other man would
have done, whose administrative record in an
important colony was as bad as his has been
here—he seems to be still in high favour with
the Secretary of State. At all events, he has
been provided with a post which, from a mere
point of view, is equal—if not indeed su-
perior—to the one which he is about to vacate.
It is rare that such good fortune follows a man
of Sir Henry Blake's calibre; and for this reason
he is to be doubly congratulated on his
promotion. But it is to be felicitated, the
colony to which he is going ought to be com-
miserated. Hongkong has had one or two un-
fortunate ex-prefects with its Governors in bygone
times; but it is safe to say that if Sir Henry
Blake's *post-mortem* there is marked by the same
features and followed by the same results as his
recently here, the future of Hongkong will
be a sad one. It is a sad thing to say, but it is
true as it is astonishing, that scarcely a project
to which Sir Henry Blake has put his hand in
Jamaica has ever succeeded.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, February 6th.

It is reported that Lord Salisbury, desiring
not to be used as a cat's paw by China against
Russia, assumed a more conciliatory tendency
towards the latter country, hence the withdrawal
of the condition concerning Tientsin-wan. More-
over, Great Britain and Russia are entirely
agreed on the candidacy of Prince George for
Crete.

LOSS OF A UNIONIST SEAT.

Mr. Richardson, the Liberal candidate, has
been elected for South East Durham, in place of
the late Sir Henry Havelock-Allan.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.5 per £.

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be
held at 3 p.m. on Thursday next.

ADMIRAL Seymour left by the *Albatross* to-day
for the north to take command of the fleet.

The pleasant pastime of rushing pedestrians to-
day cost five tickets each \$2 each and it is to
go down on their licenses.

A HUNGRY coolie to-day got seven days' hard
for stealing a delicacy known as a pig's trotter.
He had eight previous convictions against him
ranging from "rogue and vagabond" to "cut-
ting and wounding."

CHINESE music has its disadvantages as well as
its languorous delights, especially when it comes
to drums and gongs. Two Gage Street people
were to-day fined \$2 each for making a loud
noise with the instruments named.

A CHAIR coolie and a marine dealer figured to-
day at the Magistracy in connection with the
theft of \$2 worth of coal belonging to Mr. S. S.
Benjamin, of the Park. The chair coolie stole
the coal and the other "received" it and each
got a month's "h. l."

THROUGH pressure on our space the monthly
reports of the Great Eastern and Caledonian G.
M. Co., the New Balmoral G. M. Co., Ltd., and
Oliviers Freehold Mines, Ltd., and also the
annual report of the North China Insurance Co.
are unavoidably held over.

As was anticipated, the little son of Mr. J. Barry,
who was so fearfully injured by a fall on Sunday
last, has succumbed. His death took place at
the Government Civil Hospital yesterday while
he was being operated upon. He was a bright
and promising little fellow and very deep
sympathy is expressed with the bereaved
parents. The funeral took place this afternoon.
There was a large attendance and several little
schoolmates acted as pall bearers. Many
beautiful floral emblems were sent by friends.

We have heard of walls' tunes and comic
songs being worked into the "voluntary" of a
church organ in Hongkong. We have no per-
sonal knowledge of such things, but would warn
organists to note what happened in a church at
home. Two "Wild Helandmen" recruits of a
famous killed corps, were visiting an English
church for the first time. They had not long
been seen when the organist began to play a
lively voluntary. This was something quite
novel in their church experience, and they lis-
tened in open-mouthed astonishment. One of
them was shortly roused from his blissful reverie
by a gentle rap on the shoulder. Turning round
he saw a handsome lady, the owner of the pew,
who smiled graciously upon him, and wished,
of course, to be allowed to pass to her seat.
He did not, however, take in the situation, but
at once whispered audibly to her, "Na, na, mem!
tak ma mate here; he will pe a pitter dancer
than me."

THE unfortunate residents in the "way back"
parts of Australia are not having an enviable
experience as regards the rainfall, and the future
does not bear a very rosy aspect. At no time
do they have a large average rainfall, but the
last season was an exceptionally severe one in
that respect, as some of the stations have not
even registered as much as *five inches* for the
whole year, and between February of '97 and
November of the same year not a single point
was registered. No wonder Coleman, the over-
land Cyclist, spoke with emphasis when he de-
scribed Central Australia as a "waterless waste!"
The stock at the Telegraph Stations are too
weak to be moved, and are dying fast. This is
the official record:—

Season at Tennant's Creek the worst on re-
cord. Rainfall for year ended Dec. 31st, 1897,
only 4.50 inches.

Rainfall at Powell's Creek during the same
period was the lowest on record, viz., 3.40
inches, of which 0.10 fell in January and Feb-
ruary, 1897.

THE engineer of the "Blue Flyer" on the Bal-
timore and Ohio railway was badly cut on the
face by flying glass from his cab window last
month. The engineer was coming down the
big hill at Caseyville at a high rate of speed,
and the air being quite fresh, he kept his cab
window closed. All at once he heard a crash
and the next instant blood covered his face, the
result of particles of glass from his cab window
striking him. He hastily reversed his engine,
and as soon as he was washed the blood from his
face, looked around for the cause of the accident.
He expected to find that some miscreant had
thrown a missile through the window, but in a
corner of the cab lay a big owl, which had
passed through the window. The owl was slight-
ly disfigured, but would have been able to fly
had the man permitted it to escape. He brought
it to Caseyville, and will keep it as a memento
of the first run at Caseyville. Railroad men
contend that the electric headlight so blind-
ed the owl that it could not see to escape, and
that it plunged through the glass in its half-
frenzied condition.

THE BOXING MATCH.

BALLEY AND NORTHCOTT DRAW IN 20 ROUNDS.

The heavy-weight boxing match between
W. S. Balley (Hongkong) and T. Northcott
(H.M.S. *Tamar*) took place in the presence of
a large assemblage at the City Hall last night
and proved an extremely interesting affair al-
though the finish was a disappointment for
many. Mr. Balley, who took up Northcott's
defeat a few days ago, won the heavy-weight
Amateur Championship of Hongkong two years
ago and he had the reputation of being an ex-
tremely clever boxer, with good staying power.
This was amply borne out last night. North-
cott, who made such a good show against
Sergeant Conner on several occasions and then
fell an easy prey to Becker, in two rounds, was
anxious to have another match here be-
fore leaving the colony, but most people were
somewhat surprised when they saw Mr.
Balley take up the blue-jacket's challenge.

Around the ring last night was a gathering that
represented every phase of the business and
commercial life of the colony, and the officers of
the Mercantile Marine mustered strongly to
witness the prowess of Mr. Balley, who for some
time was chief engineer of the steamer *Hawke-
shan*. Mr. C. Robinson acted as M. C. and the
arrangements for the display were carried out
most satisfactorily under the management of
Mr. A. Harper.

Before the event of the evening came on two
three-round bouts were boxed by Short and
Harley and Leonard and Parker, all from the
King's Own Regiment. Short was announced
as the winner of two out of three rounds by
decision. He had a little the advantage of
Harley in height, but was lighter. Short had
the better of the bout, but Harley showed the
prettier style, getting away very nimbly. The
men, however, were not out to hurt themselves
and their display was well applauded. The
Leonard-Parker bout was a real lively one from
the word "go." Parker has a home reputation as
a bantam weight and the way he showed last
night proved him to be a game and clever
fighter. Leonard is a heavier and taller youth, and
he too is no quitter when blows are about. The
way Parker went in short upper cuts on the body
of Leonard was much admired, and when the
boys got at short range and pummelled each
other in dig-dong fashion the audience
applauded them most warmly. So fast did they
make the pace that both were winded in the
third round. Many experienced hands at the
game pronounced the display to be one of the
best seen here and the youngsters had a
regular ovation when they left the stage.

Mr. Robinson then announced an interval of
10 minutes, prior to the *fighte* *raffish* *fight*.
He also notified that Messrs. Hart Buck and
E. Robinson had consented to act as judges,
and that Mr. A. Redger would referee the
fight, while Mr. W. Farmer would hold the "clock."
On the men entering the ring—the M.C. read
the Marquis of Queensbury rules and asked the
audience to refrain from "remarks" during the
boxing. Balley won the toss and took the upper
corner at the left and Northcott went into the
lower right corner. The local man was equipped
by Corporal Parker, R.N., and Messrs F. Kew and
C. T. Robinson, while Messrs J. Williams
and A. Harper attended to the referee's require-
ments. Both men boxed in

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice Sir J. W. Carrington, Kt. C.M.G.)

February 8th.

GORHAM V. BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS.

In this case the plaintiff, Charles Leary Goham, is an assistant in the Office of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and the defendants, S. S. Benjamin, E. B. Kelly, and G. H. Potts, are shareholders carrying on business in partnership in Hongkong. The plaintiff claims (1) that an account may be taken of all sales and purchases of shares by the defendants for the plaintiff as his brokers, and of all monies received and paid by the defendants for or on account of the plaintiff from the 1st April, 1896, to 15th March, 1897, and (2) that the defendants may be ordered to pay to the plaintiff such amounts, if any, as upon the taking of such account shall be found to be due from the defendants to the plaintiff with interest on the several amounts from the dates when the same became respectively due and payable.

Mr. J. J. Francis Q.C., and Mr. M. W. Slade (assisted by Messrs. Wilkinson and Gies) appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. W. V. Drummond and Mr. H. E. Pellock (assisted by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the defendants.

The special issues were—Messrs. N. A. Siebs, H. H. Kitchin, J. Andrew, G. C. Anderson, J. Thurston, H. M. Kelly, and W. Potts.

The cross-examination of Mr. Goham was resumed to-day. He said: I am not quite certain when I consulted Mr. Johnson. It was either on the 7th or 8th. I consulted him twice after this between the 7th and the 11th. I never consulted him again after the 11th. I did not make any note in the diary as to consulting Mr. Johnson. I told my solicitor that I had consulted Mr. Johnson but I don't know when. Mr. Wilkinson told me a few days ago that he had applied to Mr. Master for the diary which contained the visits. I told Mr. Kelly on one occasion that I had consulted Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson sent me a memorandum which I returned as I had already sent a memorandum order. It was a bill for \$15 and I told him to be careful of what he entered as I did not want any member of Mr. Johnson's firm to know anything about it. Of the \$15 only \$5 was for the advice in this matter. The memorandum produced is not a copy of the memorandum of Mr. Johnson. I am positive that only \$5 was for the advice in this business.

To his Lordship: I tried to find the memorandum but I could not find it and I think I sent it back to Mr. Johnson.

To Mr. Drummond: I can't recollect it if it was after the sale of the Indo-China shares were sold to Mr. Cobbold. The sale of the West Point shares to Mr. Cobbold was for the purpose of catching the defendants. I made the entry in the diary on 15th November. It was a few days afterwards that I made the entry "Two West Points sold to Rev. Cobbold at \$18." The pencil note "See if Cobbold actually got shares" was not entered at the same time as the other entry. It was Mr. Potts who told me that Mr. Cobbold bought the shares. I did not follow up the note "See if Cobbold actually got shares" until long afterwards. There was no necessity for it. I remember making an affidavit of the books in my possession.

Mr. Drummond pointed out to his Lordship that the entry of the sale of 50 West Point shares in the diary of the 20th on which the plaintiff based one of his charges, and which was very important was omitted in the affidavit.

The diary was then passed round to the jury and to his Lordship.

Mr. Drummond: You see this entry of the 20th about the 50 West Point shares is immediately above the entry of the 21st.

Witness: I did not check the affidavit.

Mr. Drummond: You swore the affidavit and did not check the entries?

Witness: I did not check the entries.

Mr. Drummond: Will you swear that the entry of 20th November was in the diary when you swore that affidavit?

Witness: Yes. I do not know why it was omitted.

In answer to further questions witness said—There is an entry on 24th November of the sale of 50 West Points at \$18. It does not say who was the purchaser. Precisely I was the purchaser through Mr. Hurley. This was the transaction referred to in the second charge. On the 26th November I was in possession of all three accounts from the defendants and Mr. Hurley for these shares.

Mr. Drummond: When you had that in your possession did you think that you had ample evidence that the defendants did not treat you properly?

Witness: Yes, I did. I thought that more would do harm.

To Mr. Drummond: All West Points were sold by Mr. Potts.

Mr. Drummond: Did it occur to you, then, when you had in your possession one of the dishonest part of the defendants on no less than three occasions, to speak to Mr. Potts or the other members of the firm?

Witness: I thought it extremely advisable not to do so.

Mr. Drummond: You did not think it fair, then, to give them a chance to explain?

Witness: I did not care to do anything until the end of the year when the books would be closed.

To Mr. Drummond: I continued to employ the defendants after this in a way. I limited my transactions, which were confined to sales principally, that is, I reduced the amount of my business and also reduced my overdraft with the bank. I do not recollect employing any other brokers than the defendants. On the 27th I bought 100 Bank shares at 18s. on time. I don't recollect the contract. I can't say whether it had numbers or not.

Mr. Drummond: If it turns out ultimately that all you got to that case was a memorandum of the transaction without any numbers, is it not a fact that you have depended entirely on the integrity and straightforwardness of Mr. Kelly?

Witness: I knew that he would be straightforward in that transaction. He was bound to be.

To Mr. Drummond: I was present yesterday when Mr. Francis addressed the jury and made observations to them to the effect that I had discovered grave errors in my account with the defendants and therefore I wished for the accounts. This was the position I took up at the commencement of the case.

His Lordship: I think Mr. Francis put it either fraud or grave errors.

To Mr. Drummond: In my mind it was fraud most decidedly. I do not recollect ever using the word "fraud" to either of the defendants.

Mr. Drummond: Did you ever say to anyone else, you started the case that you did not charge the defendants with fraud?

Witness: I do not recollect saying so.

Mr. Drummond: Will you swear that you did not say so?

Witness: I will not. I tell you what I remember and nothing more.

Mr. Drummond: Did you ever tell Mr. Perry that you did not charge them with fraud?

Witness: I do not recollect telling him so.

Mr. Drummond: And will you swear that you did not tell him this?

Witness: I swear that I do not recollect telling him so.

To Mr. Drummond: I saw the petition before it was filed. I did not read it very carefully. I do not recollect the seventh paragraph which stated that I continued to deal with the defendants with the hope of getting more evidence against them.

Mr. Drummond: Was that paragraph put in by your direct instructions or by your legal advisers without instructions from you?

Witness: I was in the hands of my legal advisers and I let them do what they thought proper.

Mr. Drummond: Was that paragraph put in for the purpose of explaining the delay of legal proceedings between November and March?

Witness: They were in possession of the facts and drew up the legal documents.

Mr. Drummond: Does that express what you were doing with the hope of getting more evidence against them?

Witness: Yes.

To Mr. Drummond: I remember talking with Mr. Benjamin at the Travellers' Station about the 9th April. He requested me not to take the matter any further and he would pay me the costs. He spoke about the Indo-China and West Points and said that Mr. Potts had told him that he had arranged double brokerage. I told him that it was not so. He said that Mr. Potts said that it was so and they should not go into Court for \$25. I said that I would go into Court to find it out if necessary. I do not tell Mr. Benjamin to ask Mr. Potts to come and see me the next day. I do not recollect seeing Mr. Benjamin the next morning. I do not recollect him saying to me that Mr. Potts was coming to see me and I do not recollect answering "All right." Mr. Potts came to see me the next day, 10th April. I never told Mr. Potts that I wanted him to make a business proposal. He did not tell me that he did not understand what I meant. I recollect Mr. Potts saying that he was prepared to swear that I agreed to give him double brokerage and that he was prepared to be taken before the Court and that his word would be taken before the Court. I said that I had documentary evidence to the contrary. He asked what was the documentary evidence. Then I thought that I had said too much and I told him "Never mind." He said that it was my word against his and that his word would be taken before the Court. I do not recollect telling him that I was a business man and did not come here for my health.

The Court adjourned for luncheon and Mr. Goham was asked by His Lordship at the request of Mr. Drummond to try and find the certificate for Mr. Francis said that Mr. Goham had been unable to look through all his papers during the adjournment and that he would try and find them by to-morrow morning.

Witness, examined by His Lordship, said: I can't say whether the policy of continuing to carry on business with the defendants with the view of entrapping them was suggested by Mr. Johnson and approved by me, or suggested by myself and approved by Mr. Johnson but the policy was approved by Mr. Johnson.

We did consider the alternative of going to the defendants and asking for an explanation. Mr. Johnson said "Why don't you go and have it out of them?" I said "No, they deny it."

Mr. J. S. Perry, sworn, said: I am a share and general broker. I have been a share and general broker in Hongkong since 1891 or 1892. I also do business as yarn broker for Messrs. David Sassoon, Sons & Co. I don't keep an account of my shares but I keep an account of cheques received or paid.

I remember getting a wire from Shanghai on 6th November to buy 100 Indo-China shares and also some other shares. I purchased the Indo-China shares at \$40. This was the full price. I purchased them from Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts. I took delivery of these shares from them on the 9th. I did not get from them a memorandum or account of the purchase of these shares. It is not customary to give accounts in cash sales between brokers. I paid them by cheque on the National Bank. I reported to Shanghai on the 10th November that I had bought 100 Indo-Chinas at \$40 and 50 at \$41. The price of the shares was really \$41 and the difference between \$40 and \$41 was the brokerage allowed me by Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts. I met Mr. Goham on Dundell Street on the 7th November. He asked me about the state of the market. He asked me if there was anything doing in the market and I said so far as I knew very little. Then he asked me what I quoted for Indo-China and I said \$41. He asked me if there was any business done for \$41 and I said that I had done business for the North at \$41 but he asked me whether it was \$41 or \$42 and I said "No, \$41." Then he asked me if I would mind telling him from whom I got the shares and I said from a broker. He asked me which broker and I said Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts. I saw Mr. Goham two or three times on the 9th. He gave me instructions to sell 100 Indo-Chinas for him. I received another telegram at 5 p.m. on the same day and that was a further order to buy another 100 Indo-Chinas at \$40. I got instructions from Mr. Goham on the 10th to buy West Points for him. In consequence of this order I bought 50 shares at \$18 from Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts. I took these shares to Mr. Goham and he told me that he had arranged with Mr. E. H. Joseph to take them over. I received the shares very late. Mr. Joseph was going to Calcutta and he arranged with Mr. Contis of the Hongkong Bank to receive the shares which were deposited in Mr. Joseph's name. I was paid for these shares by Mr. Contis who gave me a complete order. I remember being instructed by Mr. Hurley at the end of November to buy 50 West Point shares. I bought them from Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts at \$18 per share. I delivered these shares to Mr. Hurley from whom I received payment. When I bought these shares for Mr. Hurley, I did not know that he wanted them for Mr. Goham. When I bought the West Points for Mr. Goham he did not tell me why he bought them.

Cross-examined by Mr. Drummond: I did not tell Mr. Goham that I bought 150 Indo-Chinas on the 6th November. I only bought 100 shares. The entry in Mr. Goham's diary of the 7th "Met P. Said he had done 150 shares with B. E. and P. at \$41" must be incorrect. Mr. Goham must have misunderstood me. On the 6th Mr. Potts offered me Indo-Chinas at \$41. I told him that my telegram was to obtain them at \$41 or better and he agreed to sell them to me at \$40 at which sum I bought them. Mr. Goham told me about four or five months ago that he had consulted Mr. Johnson, when I went to see him with a view to postponing the case until Mr. Kelly's return.

To Mr. Drummond: Did Mr. Goham tell you that he was not suing for fraud?

Witness: He said "I am not bringing an action for fraud. I am bringing an action for the discovery of the accounts. Unless I can show very grave errors or fraud I cannot get the accounts."

Re-examined by Mr. Francis: It is possible that I mentioned to Mr. Goham that I bought 150 Indo-Chinas shares without specifying the date.

To His Lordship: I am sure that I had no hint that the transactions were made as a trap for the defendants but that they were all made in the ordinary course of business.

The Court adjourned till 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer	30.141
Thermometer	73.3
Humidity	79.0
Rainfall	1.76

TO-DAY.

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